



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2014 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was not obtained. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Chair
Rich Garza, CCCVFC
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
Wes Morrill, MVAO

FORA Staff:

Robert Norris
Crissy Maras

Others:

Candace Ingram, CCCVFC
Lisa Rheinheimer, MST

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Sid Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

MST representative Lisa Rheinheimer distributed flyers describing the proposed 1/8 cent sales tax measure before voters on November 4th, which would maintain services for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2014 VIAC MEETING MINUTES

With no quorum present, approval of the minutes is postponed to the next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**

i. **Groundbreaking Ceremony Planning**

Robert Norris is working with the State General Services and Veterans Affairs offices to schedule a groundbreaking event in February 2015.

b. **VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report**

Mr. Norris reported that FORA has not received any project schedule updates. Sid Williams met with the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs office, which resulted in Palo Alto concurrence to send a letter of support for the installation of the flag pole at the Marina clinic. Upcoming work includes determining if the pole will require a beacon light under federal aviation law since it is within a certain distance of the Marina airport, and pole restoration efforts.

c. **Identify Property for a former Fort Ord Museum**

Mr. Williams reported that Veterans Transition Center Executive Director Terry Bare has offered storage space and should be invited to the next meeting.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Candace Ingram announced that Steve Jorgensen met with the Cemetery Advisory Committee and when describing the cemetery plans, he noted that the memorial wall had not been included in cemetery planning. The Foundation had raised funds with the idea that the wall would include plaques with donor names and it is important that the wall be constructed in the initial phase of work. Mr. Norris will review the plans and work with the State agencies to incorporate the wall via change order. Mr. Williams distributed a list of Monterey County Veterans Day events, which will be forwarded to the VIAC email distribution list.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.